



California Fair Political Practices Commission

July 31, 1986

Mr. Michael T. LeSage
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RE: FPPC Advice No. A-86-228

Dear Mr. LeSage:

Thank you for your letter of July 11, 1986, concerning the legality of holding raffles.

FACTS

The LeSage Senate Campaign proposes to issue free raffle tickets to the general public, regardless of party affiliation. The ticket will qualify the holder to participate in a raffle for a color television. In addition, a bonus prize will be given if the holder of the winning raffle ticket possesses a ballot stub verifying he or she voted in the November, 1986 election.

QUESTION

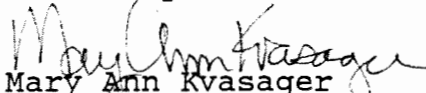
You have asked if there are any legal restrictions prohibiting this type of activity.

ANSWER

The Commission cannot advise you as to the legality of holding a raffle. You need to contact the State Attorney General's office at 800/952-5225 for an interpretation of Penal Code Section 319 which prohibits some types of raffles and regarding Elections Code Sections 29621-29622 which prohibit inducements to vote. In addition, Elections Code Section 12400, et. seq designates permissible uses of campaign funds. You should also ask the State Attorney General's Office if the money spent on the television and bonus prize intended for the raffle is an acceptable use of campaign funds.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I may be of further assistance to you in the future.

Sincerely,


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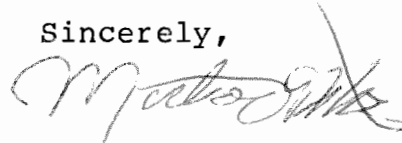
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Dear Sirs:

As part of our campaign, we propose to issue free raffle tickets to people we meet. The raffle ticket will qualify the holder to receive a color television set, and if the holder of that ticket has voted in the November 3, 1986 election, will qualify the holder of the ticket to receive an additional bonus. The drawing will occur on November 3, 1986. We intend to distribute these tickets with absolutely no charge or bias to party. We are trying to encourage people to vote and are trying to find a means to spark an interest in the election process.

Please advise us if this practice is within legal bounds or if there are any indications or cautions that should apply to it.

Sincerely,



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California Fair Political Practices Commission

July 16, 1986

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Re: 86-228

Dear Mr. LeSage:

Your letter requesting advice under the Political Reform Act has been received on July 15, 1986 by the Fair Political Practices Commission. If you have any questions about your advice request, you may contact the Technical Assistance and Analysis Division at (916) 322-5662.

We try to answer all advice requests promptly. Therefore, unless your request poses particularly complex legal questions, or unless more information is needed to answer your request, you should expect a response within 21 working days.

Very truly yours,

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